



The Whistle Stop

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Sun., Mar. 3 - Heritage House/Mary's Playhouse Tours 3pm-5pm

Irving's Masonic Lodge History March 25th, 7 pm. Annex Building, 801 W. Irving Blvd. We will have a chance to learn more about the Masonic Lodges in our community when the Irving Lodge #1218, Gilbert Grove #263, and the Estelle Lodge #582 come together to present. Learn how the Masons have long been part of the leadership in our area and the importance of Masonic Halls to the community.

Celebrate Irving: The City and the Man April 2019. The time is here to focus on our wonderful city and the name of the Washington Irving, America's First Man of Letters, who was honored by our founders by the naming of our town. This is our 12th annual event!

April 5th kicking off the month we will have a bit of nostalgic fun Friday with **Family and Friends Game Night** at Lively Pointe Youth Center, 909 N. O'Connor, **6-8:30 pm**. Join us as we come together to play games like Authors, Monopoly, Checkers, and more. Digital devices will be set aside for the evening. Bring a youth or two or come alone. Refreshments and some prizes will be provided. Youth 11 years and under must be accompanied by an adult.

April 13th "Washington Irving Visits the Irving Arts Center." History and storytelling come alive in this presentation with John Dennis Anderson from **10 am to 12**. Enjoy hands-on art activities; all materials are provided. Fun for the whole family!



"A Conversation with Washington Irving" will be the Chautauqua program at the South Library, 601 Schulze Drive at **2:00 pm**. John Dennis Anderson will present the program in the character of Washington Irving.

April 14th the Celebrating Irving Art Exhibit Reception will be held at the Jaycee Park Center for the Arts, 1976 Puritan Dr. from **2-4 pm**. Make time to enjoy the Irving Memories art exhibit by local artists, March 31 through April 26. To enter: <https://irvingartassociation.org>

April 27th The month of Celebrating Irving concludes with **Irving Trivia** beginning at **9:30 am** at the Annex Auditorium, 801 West Irving Blvd. It's time to be getting your team (1-4 people) together and brushing up on current Irving events and some of the city's history. Register your team: irvingheritagesociety@yahoo.com Teams will compete until we're down to the winner. Will the ADK Beta Omicron team retain their 2018 title? Or, will your team take the win? Join us for lots of fun and testing your memory with Irving trivia.

Funding for Celebrate Irving 2019: The refreshments, publicity, speaker fees, and various supplies come from Irving Arts Board, Irving Heritage Society Budget, memorials or gifts to Celebrating Irving, and ShareTank as well as in kind donations from Irving Art Association, Irving Public Library, Irving Black Arts Council, City of Irving, and Irving ISD. All events are free!

Irving Archives and Museum: Over the many years, the Heritage Society has been reserving some donations and various funds for the future heritage museum. Proceeds from the Irving Heritage Festival have been held in our accounts as well. With the construction now underway for the Irving Archives and Museum, those funds are beginning to be distributed for the museum. The Heritage Society will be the proud sponsor of one of the first sections you will visit at the IAM with a display about the founding of Irving. Our section will also include the display of one of Irving's greatest treasures, the wagon cloth on which the lots were marked for the auction on December 19, 1903. Some of the artifacts from the depot at Heritage Park will also be displayed.

A New Project: Watch for details soon about being able to "sponsor a card" in a deck of vintage photo playing cards. These proceeds will also be donated to the Irving Museum.

Payments by credit card: You may now pay your dues, make a donation/memorial, and will soon be able to purchase fish fry tickets through a link on our website. It is simple and no password or special account required. Visit www.irvingheritage.com and look for the donate button at the top right hand side of the home page. Click or enter the amount, click or add your own comments as to what it is for, list your credit card info and submit. Immediately you will receive a receipt. Questions? Call Mary 972-252-3838.

Did you know? The Heritage board has had a chance to meet some of our corporate members. Various guests have joined us for lunch and our business meeting so that we could get to know them better and express our appreciation for their support.

May 3rd, 15th Annual Fish Fry and Cake Sale: 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm: One of our popular events each year is the Fish Fry, located at 217 S. Main Street, Downtown Irving. Get your advanced tickets starting on April 1st.

Advance Tickets \$12.50; at the gate Tickets \$15.00; Age 3 to 8, \$5; Under 2 Free. Purchase your tickets from any IHS Board Member/Officer, or at Big State Fountain and Grill, Joe's Coffee Shop, online at IrvingHeritage.com, or by calling 972.252.3838

Bonus Treat: After the Fish Fry, all can migrate down to **WHISTLESTOP PLAZA** for the first of three FREE Irving Concert Series starting at 7 pm.

May 5th General Meeting/Election/Installment/Ice Cream Social: Heritage House front yard, 303 S. O'Connor, 2 pm

For more information: www.irvingheritage.com or call 972-252-3838

PAST EVENTS

October Exhibit: Quilt of Valor by Irving Quilt Guild

November Exhibit: Memories of a HUMP Pilot by Diane Willis

Nov. 4: "D/FW Airport: From Ranch and Farm to Airport" by Lt. Col. Bruce A. Bleakley, USAF (Ret), Aviation Author/Historian. His engaging presentation on the history of the D/FW Airport captured the attention of the approximate 60 Irving Heritage Society members and guests.



A big **Thank You** to committee members Mary Higbie and Pam Slaughter for their participation in Share Tank. We received funding of \$1000 to underwrite the Irving Family and Friends Game Night. All events are free to the public. Come join us for some fun!!

Celebrating Irving's Stars at the Irving Arts Center

December 2018: The Irving Heritage Society's Christmas Tree at the Arts Center celebrated Irving's stars in keeping with the Lone Star Christmas theme. Visionary leaders from Irving's past who contributed to the growth in economic, cultural, educational, political, medical, or other significant ways were honored with a star ornament. This list included educators like Earlie Mae Wheeler, Lenuard Walton, and Jack Singley; business people like C.P. Schulze, Ruth Peck, and John Brandenburg; people from the medical field such as Dr. F.M. Gilbert and Dr. John Haley; politicians like Jackie Townsell, Chaney Miller, Barbara Cardwell, Tom Haley, Robert Power, and Norma Stanton; government workers like Joe Reynolds; dedicated volunteers like Bobbie Thomas; and visionary pioneers like Albert Farine, J. O. Schulze, Otis Brown, as well as Ben and Betty Carpenter. The tree focused on stars of the past and the future stars of Irving, with a mirror on a star ornament. When looking at the mirror you saw Irving's bright future with YOU at the center. To embellish the tree, the Lone Star State colors were used.



Thanks to the committee of Lea Bailey, Pam Engman, Kevin Kendro, Nancie Rissing, Philip Prince, Linda Shotwell, Shirley Smith, and Pam Slaughter.



Irving Heritage Society also participated in the Arts Center Holiday Open House with an activity and information table. We were visited by many interested community folks!

Spaghetti Dinner, General Meeting: If you missed the general meeting and spaghetti supper at Joe's, you really missed a good event. The food was delicious and the program very interesting. We had 90 reservations with a waiting list. Some came just for the meeting/program. We also gained new memberships for two families.

Valentine's Day Tea: Just a quick thank you to everyone for a wonderful Valentine Tea! In spite of the weather, we had 110 sign the guest book with many also listed as families.

Sweethearts Oscar and Kaye Ward were certainly surprised and touched.



Thanks to Nancie Rissing for chairing the event along with Carol Susat who provided the beautiful flowers. Susan Fairless had the food under control along with the help of Linda Shotwell, Sybil Novinski, and many volunteers. The house ladies Barbara Terrill and Cynthia Sharp had the house looking beautiful. Philip Prince, with the help of Bob Bourgeois, Kevin Kendro and Chris Strange, took care of several things that morning in getting set up. Philip even quickly went out and got some mulch to put in the flower beds to dress them up a bit. Thanks to all who helped make this a success!

NEW MEMBERS: Clint & Sandi Preston, Joseph & Carolyn Kobos, Mike & Debi Metker Meek, and Mark & Dr. Karen Zeske.

DEATH OF MEMBERS: Edith Gillen, Peggy Duvall, Lowell Cannaday, Betty Murray Ratteree, Helen DiMaggio, Bill Clyatt

MEMORIALS/DONATIONS FOR: Edith Gillen, Peggy Duvall, Lowell Cannaday, Betty Murray Ratteree, Randy Stipes, William Hickey, Margaret Sutherland, Cherie Prescott, Helen DiMaggio and Charlotte Andrews.

HONORARIUM FOR: Mary Higbie

MEMORIALS/DONATIONS FROM: John & Kitty Boyle, Patty Caperton, Joseph & Carolyn Kobos, Nancy Tracy, Lea Bailey, Judy Samuel, and Mary Higbie

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